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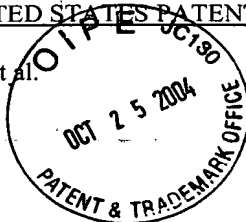
IN RE APPLICATION: Eiji YONEDA, et al.

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FOR: ONIUM SALT COMPOUND AND RADIATION-SENSITIVE RESIN COMPOSITION  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97

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Sir:

Applicant(s) wish(es) to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☒ Applicant(s) wish(es) to make of record the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available full or partial English translations of any non-English-language documents.

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- ☐ Attached is a list of Applicant's(s') pending applications and issued patents which may be related to the present application. Copies of the documents, where required, are attached along with Form PTO-1449.

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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

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This Statement of Relevancy is herewith submitted with the concurrently filed  
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Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. 59-45439 discloses a chemically-amplified radiation-sensitive composition containing a polymer of which the carboxyl group or phenolic hydroxyl group is protected with a t-butoxycarbonyl group and a photoacid generator. This composition utilizes the effect of the polymer to release the t-butoxycarbonyl group by the action of an acid generated by exposure to form an acidic functional group such as a carboxylic group or a phenolic hydroxyl group, which renders an exposed area on a resist film readily soluble in an alkaline developer.

Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. 63-36332 discloses a sulfonium salt compound having a sulfonyl structure bonded with an aromatic ring which is useful as a photoinitiator due to a cation mechanism.

Consideration of the above cited references with all Information Disclosure Materials  
concurrently filed is respectfully requested.

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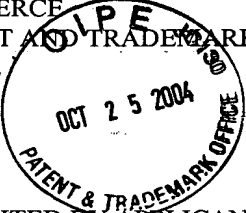


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